

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 15 with the following:

In accordance with the invention, one or more film modifying agent(s) is added to the water soluble polymer to provide the resulting coating that is applied to the tablet. The film modifying agents are used to alter chemical/physical properties of the tablet coatings and/or conditions under which the tablet coatings are formed from the polymer emulsion. Typical film modifying agents include, but are not limited to, coalescents, plasticizers, dispersants and combinations thereof. The addition of plasticizers to the neutralized polymers render films and coatings that are more supple, flexible and not friable. The use of non-plasticised films will give rise to more rigid and brittle coatings. An increased degree of flexibility can be brought to the coating material by the inclusion of small levels of plasticisers. Typical examples of plasticizers include for example alkylene glycols such as ethylene glycol, propylene glycol and dipropylene glycol, esters of alkylene glycols, nonionic surfactants, ~~Texanol~~ TEXANOL® and combinations thereof. Coalescents are added to the neutralized polymers to permit films and coatings to form at lower temperatures. A number of coalescing agents of the invention also induce greater plasticity into polymer films and coatings. Certain plasticizers employed in the invention also function as coalescing agents. Typical coalescents include, for example, alkyl citrates such as triethyl citrate, alkyl alkoxylates and their corresponding esters, alkyl lactates such as ethyl lactate, alkyl gluconates, fatty alcohols, fatty alcohol derivatives, polyalkylene glycol adducts of hydrophobes, ~~Peramin~~ PERAMIN SRA® (available from Perstorp) and combinations thereof. Dispersants refer to water soluble organic compounds having one or more alcohol functions or whose alcohol functions have been partially or completely esterified using water soluble monofunctional or polyfunctional organic acids. Suitable water soluble dispersants include, for example trimethylol propane, neopentyl glycol (dimethyl-2,2-propanediol), hexanediol and combinations thereof.